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SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS JANUARY QUARTERLY LABOR

FEBRUARY 2005 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the **NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the **QUARTERLY FARM LABOR SURVEY** for the week of January 9-15, 2005. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.

Sincerely,



Dwaine C. Nelson
State Director

NEW MEXICO-ARIZONA: There were 19,000 hired workers on farms and ranches in New Mexico and Arizona during the week of January 9th - 15th, 2005, down 17% from October. Average hours worked increased to 45.2 hours, down up 2.7% from October and slightly more than January 2004. Field worker wage rates increased 26 cents from last January to \$7.70 per hour, while livestock workers rose 43 cents to \$8.41 per hour. Overall, wage rates for all hired agricultural workers improved to \$8.61 an hour, up 24 cents compared to this time last year.

UNITED STATES: There were 749,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 9-15, 2005, down 12 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 574,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 175,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.81 per hour during the January 2005 reference week, up 40 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.73 per hour, up 34 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$9.19 per hour compared with \$8.83 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.91 per hour, was up 36 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 36.8 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 3 percent from a year ago.

**Workers on Farms, Hours worked Per Week, and Wage Rates for All Hired Workers,
Selected Regions and U.S., January 04-05 ^{1/}**

	Mountain II ^{2/}			Mountain III ^{3/}			Southern Plains ^{4/}			United States ^{5/}		
	Jan 11-17 2004	Oct 10-16 2004	Jan 9-15 2005	Jan 11-17 2004	Oct 10-16 2004	Jan 9-15 2005	Jan 11-17 2004	Oct 10-16 2004	Jan 9-15 2005	Jan 11-17 2004	Oct 10-16 2004	Jan 9-15 2005
Workers on Farms	-----Thousands-----											
All Hired Workers	17	19	17	16	23	19	60	44	50	662	851	574
Hours Worked	-----Hours Per Week-----											
All Hired Workers	39.7	41.6	43.4	44.9	44.0	45.2	34.0	40.3	37.0	38.1	40.5	36.8
Wages By Work Type	-----Dollars Per Hours-----											
Field	8.75	8.32	7.37	7.44	7.03	7.70	7.46	8.44	8.01	8.39	*8.62	8.73
Livestock	8.81	8.95	9.65	7.98	8.04	8.41	7.97	8.68	9.35	8.83	8.91	9.19
Field & Livestock	8.80	8.56	8.83	7.69	7.36	8.02	7.73	8.53	8.75	8.55	*8.69	8.91
All Workers	9.80	9.40	9.93	8.37	7.75	8.61	8.43	9.34	9.56	9.41	*9.32	9.81

^{1/} Excludes agricultural service workers. ^{2/} Mountain Region II consists of CO, NV & UT. ^{3/} Mountain Region III consists of AZ & NM. ^{4/} Southern Plains region consists of OK & TX. ^{5/} Excludes AK. *Revised.